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MARKS *on the last* Craftſman, *concerning the* Officers Bill.

THE judicious *Craftſman* having aſſigned the Defence of the *Officers Bill* to his hopeful Nephew Mr. *Theophilus D'Anvers*, it is fit the Reader ſhould know, that he chooſes a Writer, as his Patrons choſe *their Speakers* on the Debate of this Bill, when they thought fit to manifeſt the *th by the Mouths of* Babes *and* Sucklings.

I Muſt, in Imitation of a learned and *venerable ſire*, rejoice that I have lived to ſee ſuch a riſing eration of virtuous Spirits; and ſhall at any Time k my Labours in the Cauſe of the Publick brought happy Concluſion, ſince there is ſuch a wonderful ply of able and diſintereſted Pens, to ſupport the rty of the Preſs, and the Rights of the Conſti-

But I cannot include in the Number of theſe *inge- young Men*, this preſent Advocate for the *Officers* the pert and ſhallow Mr. Theoph. D'Anvers; afraid he hath not been long enough at School, ther that he hath not been at any School, and equently, that he is too ſoon initiated into the teries of Politicks, which are only proper for Heads and grave Beards, Men of much Inſight Foreſight, who are duly qualified to argue, refine, define, upon high and great Matters. I cannot eal my Apprehenſions, that this very Mr. *Theoph. nvers* is no other Perſon than the *moſt Serene Infant Theophilus C——r*, who having been interrupted he laudable Solemnities of *Bartholomew Fair*, may, ought I know, have given his Studies this Turn he beſt Expedient, in caſe the Bill *for reſtrain- ber of Playhouſes, and regulating common* ld be revived in the next Seſſion. If I am n Conjecture, I would warn *his Serenity* againſt her Proceeding in theſe Speculations; *Politicks* be- ience as ill ſuited to his Genius, as *Government* to manner of Life. But ſince he hath given us a Spe- n of his Abilities, good Nature may allow us to ſome Notice of it; and if he is not quite incor- ble, I hope he will ſhun the Misfortune of his Fa- , and not *outdo his uſual Outdoings*.

This *moſt Serene Infant* is pleaſed to obſerve, that Difference of Times and Circumſtances ſuggeſts a OUSAND Arguments againſt the Authorities on Subject, which have been drawn from the Journals Queen *Elizabeth*'s Parliaments; where it was the lared *Senſe of the Houſe of Commons*, that an Office er the Crown, could neither work an Incapacity any Officer to ſit as a Member, nor ſupport an Ob- ion againſt the Choice of ſuch Officer, even to be r Speaker.

I cannot but lament the Misfortune of the Pub- , as well as my own, in the *Niggardlineſs* of this ng Gentleman, who though poſſeſſed of the ſaid *uſand Arguments*, hath not been pleaſed to give us *of them*.

His *Serenity* further denys, that there is any Parallel ween the *Officers Bill* and the *Self-denying Ordinance*, ugh even He hath not *Power of Face* to affirm, that differ at all in the Tendency of them, or that the is leſs calculated than the laſt, to *turn one Set of t* of Offices, that another *may come in*.

The *ingenious Infant* is then very arch upon the rms and Conditions of Government annexed to the Act of Settlement. He beſtows a world of Pains Defence of the Fathers of thoſe Limitations, not hout a Sneer on the *Whigs*, who have ſince reviewed amended them; yet he throws away all this *Wit Learning*, by yielding the Point as fully as had been tended for, namely, that the Excluſion of all Officers m Seats in the Houſe of Commons, was too *ſtrait d*, (for ſuch is his *beautiful* Expreſſion) that the Laws de in the next Reign to explain this Limitation, by cifically declaring *ſuch Officers* as ſhould be incapable, allowing others to be re-choſen, were Acts of great uity and Juſtice. But what ſpoils all this again, the *Serene Infant* will not allow theſe juſt and equitable Laws to remain without Alterations; nor what was ſettled by the Deliberation of different Reigns, Parliaments and Kingdoms, to be *Fundamental Laws*; ſo long as *Gentlemen in Oppoſition* ſhall have occaſion to change them.

He then comes to the Queſtion, Whether this *Fundamental Law* hath been duly obſerved with relation to *New Offices*, &c.? A wiſe Queſtion truly, and worthy to be anſwered. If Perſons, having *New Offices*, have been choſen into Parliament; was it poſſible that all the Patriots in an *Houſe of Commons* ſhould be ſo blind as not to ſee, or ſo partial as not to complain of it? We may therefore conclude, that what no Man hath yet been able to ſee, no Man can pretend to have been; and that what could not hitherto furniſh the *Shew* of Complaint, hath not had *Ground* for Complaint.

He next asks; If no Perſon is capable of ſitting in Parliament, who hath any Penſion during Pleaſure, why did *one Houſe* throw out the *Penſion Bill*, which was intended *only* to put the Law in Force, by diſcovering the *Violators* of it? I anſwer, becauſe it is not true that the ſaid Bill was *intended only* to enforce the Law, or to diſcover the Violators of it; but was avowedly contrived to give a *Majority* Power over the Seat of every Member, by drawing it into Queſtion, and putting it to the Vote, on every frivolous Favour obtained from the Crown, at the ſame time that they would be veſted with full Authority to cover and protect their own *Favourites* in the Enjoyment of the *moſt Subſtantial*.

Again, he asks, Why was a *Motion* ſoon afterwards rejected in the *other Houſe*, for a *Committee to enquire into this Matter?* This *inquiſitive Infant* would do much better to tell us, why that Motion was made? and there needs no ſtronger Reaſon to ſhew us why it was not granted. It was made to eſtabliſh an *Inquiſition in* open *Parliament*, by which every Member might be deprived of his Freedom, through the Awe of being made liable to the Severities of an arbitrary Faction, empowered to try Men who had never been accuſed; and to receive Evidence where there was no Charge: A Faction who, tho' they durſt not pretend to complain againſt any one Member, would have opened a *Committee* to hunt down the Characters of all the Members in Turn that might be obnoxious to them, and would have erected an Office for Informers againſt the moſt innocent and the moſt unblemiſhed Reputations.

He adds another Queſtion: If no *Member of the Houſe of Commons* ought to have any Place held in Truſt for him, why was ſo much ever memorable Dexterity employed to elude the Deſign of *a late Enquiry into the Frauds of the Cuſtoms?*

I muſt again beſeech him to tell us, what was the *Deſign of that Enquiry?* Surely not to take away *Places held in Truſt*; but, if the Truth is to be told, *Places* held *in propria Perſona*. It was an Enquiry originally intended to take Vengeance of thoſe Perſons who had laboured to prevent *Frauds in the Cuſtoms* by the moſt effectual Means; and when the whole Army of *Smugglers, Owlers, Poyſoners*, &c. had been raiſed, and led forth by the Outcry of Danger to theſe deteſtable Trades, it was then thought virtuous and juſt by the greateſt of our Patriots, in Vindication of *Smuglers*, &c. from the Charge of *Frauds in the Cuſtoms*, to ſet forward an Enquiry, wherein themſelves were to accuſe, try, and judge the *Management of the Revenue*, as the Source of every Fraud; nor was there a *Runner of Goods* in the Kingdom, a *Brewer of Wines*, or a *little mercenary Factor of Tobacco*, but had a Paſſion for the Succeſs, and even Ambition to be a Member of this glorious Committee.

As this *over diligent Infant* asks more Queſtions than he knows himſelf how to anſwer, he wants me to tell him, whether the Boroughs in *Cornwall* are generally repreſented by Men of *Characters* and *Fortunes* in their reſpective Countries? I muſt own *Characters* and *Fortunes* are Matters of very nice Conſideration; and 'tis putting a hard Task upon me to impeach the one, or undervalue the other. I am told that ſome of *his Friends* are Repreſentatives for ſome of thoſe Boroughs; and I hope in God he means no Reflection. I wiſh he would enquire of that *knowing Patriot*, the Author of the *Letters from a* Perſian *in* England, *to a Friend at* Iſpahan, *&c.* whether Gentlemen of *Characters* and *Fortunes* may not repreſent Boroughs in *Cornwall?* It is worthy of Obſervation, that he is not always of the ſame Opinion with reſpect to ſuch Matters; for Inſtance, before the Parliament opened, a learned *Craftſman* queſtioned very invidiouſly, whether the Election for the Borough of *Old Sarum* was an Evidence of the *Senſe of the People?* And, before the Seſſion ended, the ſame *Craftſman* would not ſuffer any Man living to doubt what himſelf had been pleaſed to queſtion. Perhaps we only want a new Revolution to bring the *Corniſh* Boroughs likewiſe into his Favour; but at preſent I will be free to tell him, how much ſoever it may expoſe them to his Diſpleaſure, that there is not a County in *England*, whoſe Boroughs in general are repreſented by Gentlemen of more ample Fortunes, or more unblemiſhed Characters, than thoſe in the antient *County of Cornwall:* And if the Influence of the Crown is charged with procuring ſuch Returns, it muſt prove to the Honour of this Adminiſtration; ſince no other, in the Memory of theſe Times, could boaſt of an Acquiſition redounding ſo eminently to their Credit, as well as to the Good of the Kingdom.

It were eaſy to expoſe the Weakneſs of this *Infant*, were it not unnatural in any Man to ſet his Strength againſt him. Theſe Inſtances may ſhew, that he is a *Novice*, whoſe Vanity will always keep him in Ignorance, and whoſe peculiar Misfortune it hath been to miſtake his Impudence for Wit, which hath made him equally incorrigible and ridiculous, to the Grief of that *ſober Family* which he belongs to, and the Indignation of all others who have had any Knowledge of him.

Fra. Walsingham.

Yeſterday arrived a Mail from France.

The Paris Letter is dated the 10th of September, and contains the following Advices.

From the Camp before Mirandola, Aug. 28.

ON the 25th the Spaniards took the covered Way, having had above 150 Men killed and wounded in the Attack. A Deſerter from the Place reports, that the Gariſon conſiſts of near 2000 Men, and that it is in no want of Proviſions. The Duke de Montemar, and the Marſhal de Noailles, having met the King of Sardinia at Bozolo, a Great Council of War was held there, on the Diſpoſitions proper to be made for facilitating the Attacks during the Siege of Mantua; and after the Council broke up, the Duke de Montemar ſet out from Bozolo for Leghorn, to give Orders for forwarding the Artillery lately landed there from Sicily.

Paris, Sept. 10. On the 5th at Night the Dutcheſs of Bouillon ſet out Poſt, with 10 or 12 Perſons in her Retinue, for Poland, in order to ſpend ſome time there with her Father Prince Sobieski.

As the General Aſſembly of the Clergy is to ſeparate about the 25th Inſtant, the Deputies thereof are to repair on the 18th to Verſailles, to make a Report to the King of their Tranſactions.

The Clergy's Loan to the King by way of free Gift, advances ſo well, that above one half of it is already received.

The Marquis de Puiſieux, whoſe Baggage was caſt away, and his Plate and every thing he had, loſt, has been obliged to return hither to recruit.

The Apollo, one of our India Company's Ships, arrived the 11ſt of September at Port l'Orient; and the Chauvelin is expected every Day.

LONDON.

Laſt Night arrived alſo the Mail due from Holland; but it brings nothing freſh from Italy, and little that is material from the Rhine.

From the latter we are informed, that Yeſterday Fortnight the Troops of Pruſſia, Saxony, and Hanover paſſed that River, and joining ſome other Forces, encamped before Mentz, forming a Body of 40,000 Men, under Command of Count Seckendorf; that Prince

Eugene's Army continues in its Situation upon the Banks of the Neckar; that the Heſſians are ſtill in the Rhingau; that the Marſhal de Coigny is poſted all along the Rhine, from Worms to Philipsburg, having given the neceſſary Orders to oppoſe the Imperialiſts, whoſe Army has made a new Motion towards that River; and that the Army of the Emperor and Empire conſiſts of 108 Battalions, and 187 Squadrons, beſides 18 Battalions under General Petraſch in the Black Foreſt, and 9 Battalions more that continue at Mentz.

The Departure of Count Konigſegg for the Country of Trent, was fixed for laſt Week. His Army was to conſiſt of 10,000 Sclavonians, 6000 Croatians, 1500 Hungarians, and 12,000 Men to be detached from the Army of the Empire; which, added to the 22,000 Men already in the Trent, will form an Army of 51,500 fighting Men.

Some Advices ſay, that the Czarina has offered to aſſiſt the Emperor with 12,000 Men more, whenever he has Occaſion for them; that Couriers are continually flying betwixt Vienna and Hanover; and that the King of Great Britain, as Elector, has remitted 51,960 Florins more, as his Quota of the ſecond and third Terms of the 60 Roman Months granted to the Emperor by the Dyet, for this Year's Expences of the War; and that the Sums newly received from the other States of the Empire, amount to 72,283 Florins; that the Elector of Bavaria, whoſe Contingent of Forces is actually marched to join the Army of the Empire, has formed a Camp at Ingolſtad, of 12 Battalions and 13 Squadrons.

'Tis added, that on the 2d Inſtant, N. S. the Ruſſians decamped from the other Side of the Neckar, and marched to Santhofen; that Prince Eugene, who made them a ſecond Viſit before they went, was ſplendidly entertained by General Laſcy their Commander in Chief; that the Duke d'Aremberg, who remains at Bruchſal with 20,000 Men, is fortifying himſelf againſt any Inſult; and that the Troops which have paſſed the Rhine, are advanced within a League of the Enemy's Army, having left 4000 Men in Gariſon at Oppenheim.

Robert Rowan, Eſq; Deputy Surveyor General of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms in Ireland, died the 24th of laſt Month at Dublin, in the 70th Year of his Age.

Godfrey Green, Eſq; was lately kill'd in a Duel in the County of Tipperary, by —— Keating, Eſq; commonly called Baron Keating. They fought with Piſtols; a Ball graz'd on Mr. Keating's Forehead. Mr. Green was ſhot thro' the Body, and died on the Spot.

Laſt Tueſday Sevennight died, after a lingering Illneſs, Mr. Thomas Pringle, Writer to the Signet, and Brother to the Lord Newhall. He was juſtly eſteemed one of the moſt knowing Gentlemen of his Profeſſion, and had ſo fair a Character, that his Death is univerſally regretted. He was firſt appointed Deputy Keeper of the Great Seal in 1714 by the Duke of Roxburgh, and afterwards of the Signet.

Yeſterday Sevennight Miſs Elizabeth Grant, Daughter of the Hon. Mr. Patrick Grant of Elchies, one of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, an accompliſh'd young Lady, with a handſome Fortune, was married to James Geddes of Kirkurd, Eſq; Jun. Advocate.

Sunday laſt the celebrated Mrs. Drummond preach'd at the Quakers Meeting-Houſe at Reading in Berkſhire, to a numerous Auditory of both Sexes.

On Thurſday next his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will ſet out for that Kingdom, to which her Grace the Dutcheſs of Dorſet, the Right Hon. the Earl of Middleſex, and the Lady Caroline Sacville are to accompany him.

Yeſterday Morning her Majeſty, accompanied by their Highneſſes the Princeſſes Amelia, Mary and Louiſa, took the Air round Brumpton and Chelſea in their Chaiſes, and about 9 o'Clock returned to Kenſington.

Laſt Monday about 6 o'Clock in the Evening, died at his Houſe in Reading, in the 24th Year of his Age, James Willſon of that Town, Eſq; a Gentleman of a very plentiful Fortune, which devolves to his Siſter lately married to Mr. Smart of Wells in the County of Somerſet.

The Marriage Contract is agreed on, and in a few Days the Nuptials will be conſummated, between the Lord Jedborough, Son to the Right Hon. the Marquis of Lothian, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and the Lady Caroline Darcy, Siſter to the Right Hon. the Earl of Holderneſs, a Fortune of 30,000 l.

One Watſon, who for ſome time paſt has made it his Practice to go to the Livery Stables about Town, and hire Horſes to go a Journey, and after he had rid them 10 or 20 Miles out of Town, to ſell them for leſs than half their Value, was on Saturday laſt apprehended and committed to the Gatehouſe, for hiring a Horſe of the Maſter of the Sun Alehouſe in Conduit-ſtreet, and for ſelling it to a Man at Graveſend for three Pounds, which was worth 7 Guineas.

We hear that Clark, lately taken and committed to the Gatehouſe, Weſtminſter, for ſtealing a Horſe from behind a Waggon, is ſuſpected of being a Confederate with the late Mr. M'Cray in ſeveral of his Robberies. He is now removed to Newgate, where he may be viewed by the Perſons lately robbed.

Yeſterday the famous Oculiſt Doctor Taylor, was preſented to the Queen at Kenſington, and had the Honour to Kiſs her Majeſty's Hand, in Conſideration of his ſurprizing Capacity in the Science he profeſſes.

On Tueſday laſt Mr. John Philips, a Carpenter, being at Work at the Houſe of the Lady Hyde at Walthamſtow, fell from off the Scaffold two Story high, and died on the Spot.

Yeſterday a Labourer being at Work at the Devil Tavern at Temple-Bar, unfortunately fell from the Scaffold, and was bruiſed in ſuch a Manner, that there are but little Hopes of his Recovery. He was afterwards carried to St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital.

Glouceſter, Aug. 30. Laſt Friday was Se'nnight three Men, who came from Elmore in a Pig's-trough-boat, to ſee the Execution of the Malefactors, returning home in the Night (as ſuppoſed) the Wind blew very hard, and overſet the Boat, whereby they were all drowned.

On Sunday Night laſt the Body of Edmund Goodrich, which was hung in Chains, was ſtole away.

Laſt Tueſday the Races began here, when there being but one Horſe entered, 10 l. was allowed the Owner, according to the Articles.

On Wedneſday two Ponies ſtarted for the Ladies Plate of 10 l. which was won by one belonging to 'Squire Cornwall.

On Thurſday four Galloways ſtarted for the Innkeepers Plate of 35 l. viz. the Duke of Beaufort's Grey Mare, Smiling Kate; Sir Thomas Fleetwood's Cheſnut Gelding, Speedwell; Sir Arthur Heſilrige's Bay Mare, Ringtail; and Sir Robert Groſvenor's Cheſnut Mare, Maidenhead; which was won by Speedwell. There were three Heats, in the firſt of which the Duke of Beaufort's Mare was diſtanced, and Sir Robert Groſvenor's drawn the ſecond. The Odds ran on Ringtail's Side, who loſt it by about half a Length, and it was univerſally owned, that two finer Heats than the ſecond and third were never ſeen. — The ſame Evening an antient Man, who lived within a Mile of this City, having been at the Race, dropped down dead on his Return home.

On Friday three Horſes ſtarted for the Town Plate of 30 l. viz. Sir John Aſhley's Cheſnut Horſe, Soberſides; Mr. Edward's Cheſnut Horſe, Cripple; and Mr. Cornwall's Grey Gelding; which latter won the Plate.

Notwithſtanding the Weather was ſo wet, there was a great Appearance of Gentlemen and Ladies, and a vaſt Concourſe of other People.

This Week a Fire broke out in a Farmer's Yard at Cheltenham, occaſioned by ſome Wood Aſhes being careleſly thrown into it, which conſumed as much Corn and Hay, as was valued at 300 l.

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